

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (new) A seat of the type comprising a seat portion and a back rest, hinged to one another about an axis of rotation, said hinging being achieved in the form of a pair of means located on either side of the seat about a plane of symmetry passing through the back rest and the seat portion, each of said means consisting of, on the one hand, a first element, forming a back rest rotation support, through which said axis of rotation passes and one end of which is integral with said back rest, and, on the other hand, a second element, wherein said second element is a part which is

- separate from the seat portion,
- integral with said first element via said axis of rotation which passes through said second element near one of its ends and said first element,
- mounted so as to be able to slide on a part integral with the seat portion and
- immobilizable in a desired position with respect to this same part,

a first extendable/retractable member being fastened, on the one hand, to the end of said first element opposite the end which is integral with the back rest and, on the other hand, to the end of said second element which is opposite the axis of rotation.

12. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first extendable/retractable member is a gas spring.

13. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, wherein the point of fastening of said first extendable/retractable member to said back rest rotation support is adjustable along said support.

14. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, wherein said seat portion sliding support comprises a stop limiting the pivoting of the back rest with respect to the seat portion.

15. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, also comprising a seat portion support, wherein this seat portion support has a point of fastening for one of the ends of a second extendable/retractable member whose other end is fastened to said seat portion.

16. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, also comprising a seat portion support, wherein this seat portion support has a point of fastening for one of the ends of a second extendable/retractable member whose other end is fastened to said seat portion, wherein the first and second extendable/retractable members function independently of one another.

17. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, also comprising a leg rest, wherein said leg rest has a point of fastening for one of the ends of a third extendable/retractable member whose other end is fastened to said seat portion.

18. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, also comprising : a seat portion support, this seat portion support having a point of fastening for one of the ends of a second extendable/retractable member whose other end is fastened to said seat portion, the first and second extendable/retractable members functioning independently of one another ;

a leg rest, said leg rest having a point of fastening for one of the ends of a third extendable/retractable member whose other end is fastened to said seat portion, wherein the first, second and third extendable/retractable members function independently of one another.

19. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 15, wherein said second extendable/retractable member is a pneumatic jack or an electric jack.

20. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 17, wherein said third extendable/retractable member is a pneumatic jack or an electric jack.

21. (new) The seat as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first extendable/retractable member is an electric jack.